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of especial interest is "Homes for Wild Birds," offering suggestions for enticing migrating birds to establish themselves in places where they are needed either as insect-catchers or where they are wanted to fulfil their mission of song and beauty.

Annual Report for 1894, Geological Survey of Canada.⁸—

This volume includes, besides the summary report of the Director of the Survey, a series of seven systematic, detailed reports on special work in particular regions of the Dominion. These several reports have been previously issued, as completed, and may be obtained separately.

The Director's report includes extended notices of the preliminary results of the various scientific investigations and explorations in the field, notably those of Mr. A. P. Low in Labrador and Mr. J. B. Tyrrel in a second expedition to the country west of Hudson Bay and north of the Churchill River. Attention also is called to the importance of the investigations of the petroleum fields of Athabasca and northern Alberta, as all indications favor the existence of a great oil-bearing region in the northwest.

The volume comprises 1206 pages. It is accompanied by eleven maps and illustrated by fifteen plates and diagrams, besides a number of figures in the text.

Thaxter's Laboulbeniaceæ.⁹—In a stately quarto volume of two hundred and forty-two beautifully printed pages and twenty-six plates crowded with six hundred and seventy-two elegantly drawn figures, Dr. Thaxter makes a notable addition to botanical science. Beginning his studies in 1890 when the known species in the world were but fifteen, of which but one was known to be North American, the author has brought to light so many new species that to-day there are no less than one hundred and fifty-eight known, and he estimates that when all the species throughout the world are discovered, the total number may be from five hundred to one thousand. Thus there is injected into our system of the fungi a group of no mean importance in point of numbers, which hitherto has been so little known as to be pretty generally ignored. Hereafter, even a general survey of the fungi must include some notice of this group.

⁸ Annual Report for 1894 (new series), Vol. VII, Geological Survey of Canada. Ottawa, 1896.

⁹ Contribution Towards a Monograph of the Laboulbeniaceæ. By Roland Thaxter. Memoirs of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, XII. Presented May 8, 1895, published December, 1896.